

Washington, D.C. -- Congressman Jeff Fortenberry today voted for H. Con. Res. 112, the House of Representatives budget proposal that reduces spending for Fiscal Year 2013 and sets budgetary levels through 2022. This measure passed the House of Representatives this afternoon by a vote of 228-191.

"The House of Representatives is this year again taking action to get our nation's fiscal house in order," said Fortenberry, who supported a similar budget proposal in 2011. "Last year, we were able to reduce spending by nearly \$250 billion—nowhere near enough, but a beginning accomplishment to be noted. This year, the whole of Congress—that includes the Senate—must act with vigor to rein in spending and right our nation's fiscal trajectory.

"This budget plan will reduce debt, strengthen key health security programs for the next generation while protecting seniors, and help facilitate a climate of opportunity for job creation. Many aspects of this budget proposal will and should be debated, but overall, this is a substantive, forward-looking plan that frames a new economic outlook for our nation."

Fortenberry added, "It is important to note that the Senate has not passed a budget in more than 1,000 days. The work is now in their hands."

The House budget passage comes on the heels of a 414-0 vote rejecting the President's budget proposal last night.

Fortenberry, a member of the House Agriculture and Foreign Affairs Committees, is a proponent of various budgetary controls, including a balanced budget requirement, the presidential line item veto, and a biennial budgeting process.

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